

SUCCESS OF "DRIVEN" ON BROADWAY DOUBTFUL WITH 71 PLAYS IN LIST OF SEASON'S FAILURES

Alexandria Carlisle Portrays Wife of Member of Parliament Who Is Thoroughly Weary of Him and When Told She Has Only Six Months to Live Decides to Enjoy Herself With Young Army Officer, But Husband Wins Her Back to New Life.



Alexandria Carlisle and Leslie Faber in "Driven"



Chas Bryant and Alexandria Carlisle in "Driven"



Leslie Faber appearing in his own play, "A Pair of Silk Stockings"



Alexandria Carlisle in "Driven"



Leslie Faber, Charles Bryant, Alexandria Carlisle, and Haidee Wright in "Driven"



Miss Molly Mamley Clifford playing a leading part in "A Pair of Silk Stockings"

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Christmas ends what is practically the first half of the theatrical season and managers are now proceeding to take account of stock. Already have been 71 failures this season on Broadway, with a number of other candidates fighting to avert annihilation. Road shows, with a few exceptions, have not made much money, and all producers will welcome the new year, hoping that it will be kinder to them than 1914 has been.

health has been entirely restored by this course of happy living and the audience is convinced that she now will be happy with her husband, even though he is much her senior. There are some unique touches in "Driven." For example, in the first act when the hero asks her to sing, he listens to about two bars and then ungallantly remarks that he would prefer to hear her recite. In the third act she declared she was frightfully hungry and she enthusiastically over the gelatine and peaches, and then left the fruit on the table because there were too obvious evidences of preparation. In the last act, the heroine, fully restored to health, started to take poison and die, but learning that her husband loved her and had not read the letters she wrote to the other man, she accepted a Pekinese dog from him and decided to live happily forever afterward. The heroine is the most peculiar thing about "Driven" and it is not Miss Carlisle's fault that she was peculiar without being funny. She did the best she could, as did Haidee Wright, the author is to blame for their inability to make any impression in colorless, unnatural and impossible characters.

PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH REGENTS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS DRAWS PROTEST

"Three Business Men" Rule Over University, Agricultural College and Normal, as Suggested by E. Hofer, Shows No Advantages, Writes "Observer"—Less Agitation and More Co-Operation Recommended.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of January 7 I note the communication from E. Hofer, recommending the abolition of the boards of regents of the State University, the State Agricultural College and the State Normal School, his idea being to place all these institutions under one board, comprising "three business men." A careful analysis of Mr. Hofer's statement leaves the casual reader in doubt regarding the advantages of the proposed plan. For instance, he speaks of the State Board of Higher Curricula, established by the Legislature "for the purpose of cutting out all duplications in courses of study by these institutions." Then he says: "Only recently we have seen the establishment of a school of commerce at the University of Oregon, when there is already a full-fledged school of commerce at the Agricultural College, and each of the institutions is carrying on an industrial survey."

LABORER, SERVING CITY LONGEST, TELLS METHOD

Constanta Albertini, Who Begins Thirty-third Year on February 1, Gives Health Rules Credit for His Able Work.



CONSTANTA ALBERTINI

It would appear that the plan proposed by Mr. Hofer would only add to the difficulty. He speaks of the plan adopted during recent years in Kansas and Iowa. The fact is, that no food has come to these states from the change in their educational policy. As evidence of this it is necessary to refer only to the fact that the State Board assumed control of the State University and the State Agricultural College and the State Normal School. But conditions became such, with protests from alumni and other friends of these different institutions, that when the Legislature met in 1914, in order to the abolition of the board by the Legislature and the re-creation of the old plan, the board rescinded its action and left a measure which they had been before. The result there has been to agitate and unsettle matters rather than to effect any permanent or satisfactory adjustment. Certainly there has been no saving to the taxpayers and no improvement in the efficiency of the work of the higher institutions of that state.

SAFEGUARD FAMILY, IS CLUBWOMAN'S ADVICE

Prevent Scattering of Members on Death of Breadwinner, Is Mrs. Thomas G. Winter's Plea—Insurance Is Prevention.

BY MRS. THOMAS G. WINTER, President Woman's Club, Minneapolis. As soon as your attention is called to it, you realize that detached people—people without homes—cannot make a city or a state or a nation. It is the family which is the unit which society is built. The family and family life are the first consideration to every community, which has other interests are secondary and tributary. So marriage does much more than join one man and one woman; it creates the new social unit, greater than either of the two individuals which make it, a unit to whose safeguarding all the forces of civilization must bend. For a family is not a mere heap of manners and customs, even the individuality of its own. It has its own soul, it has its own spirit, its own habits, its own life, its own way of thinking, its own code of ethics, its own sense of right and wrong, its own sense of duty.

CRESWELL DEBATERS WIN

Eugene Team, With Leader Absent Due to Injury, Is Defeated.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Creswell High School debating team last night defeated the Eugene team on the negative side of the Government ownership of railways question. The Creswell team was composed of Edmund Padden and Albert Schnyder. The Eugene team was composed of Day Bayley and Ruth Young. The latter substituted William Rebec, leader of the Eugene team, who was injured by an automobile last night.

PHARMACIST TEACHES TOXICOLOGY AT Y. M. C. A. COLLEGE.

D. N. Crockett, a graduate of the Indiana College of Pharmacy, has been appointed instructor of toxicology in the college of pharmacy of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Crockett is a registered pharmacist in the state and has been in business for himself since his graduation from school. He is 26 years old.

PICTURE THEATER NEWS

Miriam Nesbit, the popular film star, in a two-reel comedy, is one of the most intensely funny and pleasing comedies shown in Portland. "Love, Oil and Grease" is a rapid-fire comedy featuring smiling Ruth Roland. Coming Wednesday is "The Tip-Off," one of the best police stories yet filmed, in three full reels. The Hearst-Belg Weekly is provided also. The new pipe organ will be ready for dedication next Sunday for future entertainment of National patrons. SUNSET HAS FEATURE BILL "Mother Hulda" and "Refining Fires" Are Unusual Refining. Film adaptations of the old-time fairy tales are being produced with

NEW THOUGHT LEADER TO LECTURE HERE.

H. Edward Mills, New Thought teacher of Spokane, Wash., will lecture in Portland today, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mr. Mills is a member of the World Congress of New Thought to be held at San Francisco in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition in June. Mr. Mills will deliver his first lecture this evening at 8 o'clock, at Temple of Truth, 11th and Yamhill streets, subject, "Consciousness—Key to Conquest," and Tuesday evening, in the Lincoln High School auditorium, subject, "The Signs of the Times." His lectures in this city are free to the general public.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. retents and agrees to return the next day, prepared to elope. In the meantime, the husband, who has decided to appeal to the lover, who does not know of the wife's commutation to death. The lover, rather than part a dying woman from her husband, surrenders her. It turns out that her